

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title on the cover page, page 1, and the last page as follows:

**~~APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND~~ METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING CONTROL
MESSAGES BETWEEN A FIRST DEVICE AND A SECOND DEVICE**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~An apparatus, system, and method are provided~~ for communicating control messages between a first device and a second device. The ~~apparatus, system, and method~~ includes a communication module that directs control messages between a first device and a second device through an intermediate device. The intermediate device is coupled to the first device by a control path and to the second device by a data path. The ~~apparatus, system, and method~~ also includes a translation module and a transmission module that cooperate to translate control messages received over the control path at the intermediate device to transport data messages and transport data messages received over the data path at the second device to control messages. Transport data messages are sent over the data path to the second device and control messages from the second device are sent over the control path to the first device.